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EPA SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGE GRANTS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is soliciting proposals for the federal year (FY) 1999/2000 Sustainable Development Challenge Grant (SDCG) program. Approximately \$9.4 million will be available for the SDCG program in FY 1999/2000. EPA also is soliciting comments on the SDCG program's overall design. Sustainable Development Challenge Grant project proposals must be postmarked by September 29, 1999 to be considered for funding. EPA says "The SDCG program challenges communities to invest in a sustainable future that links environmental protection, economic prosperity and community well-being. The SDCG program strongly encourages community members, business and government entities to work cooperatively to develop flexible, locally-oriented approaches that link environmental management and quality of life activities with sustainable development and revitalization. These grants are intended to catalyze community-based projects to promote environmentally and economically sustainable development; build partnerships which increase a community's capacity to take steps that will ensure the long-term health of ecosystems and humans, economic vitality, and community well-being; and leverage public and private investments to enhance environmental quality by enabling community efforts to continue beyond the period of EPA funding." More information is available at <http://www.epa.gov/ecocommunity/sdcg> or contact Dr.Lynn Desautels at 202/260-6812.

SAMPLING NEW WELLS

Consultants are reminded that wells should not be sampled too soon after well construction and development. DNR's "Groundwater Sampling Desk Reference", PUBL-DG-037-96, <http://www.dnr.state.wi.us/org/water/dwg/gw/sample.htm> advises a minimum one week wait between well construction and purging and sampling, in order to allow the well to equilibrate with groundwater chemistry. In low permeability silt and clay formations, a month or more may be needed for proper equilibration.

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